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**Morse Museum's 2021–2022 Season Introduces  
the Gift of the Exquisite Stebbins Collection**

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WINTER PARK, FL—The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art will begin its 2021–2022 season in October with its Brown Bag Matinee film series and the return of free Friday evenings in November. The Stebbins Collection gift, announced earlier this year, will be at the heart of the Morse's season as well as the exhibition *The Stebbins Collection: A Gift for the Morse Museum*, opening on November 9. Drawing exclusively from the works donated by American art pioneer Theodore E. Stebbins Jr. and Susan Cragg Stebbins, this first-time showing of this exquisite collection will be curated by Curator of American Painting Dr. Regina Palm. Dr. Palm will also write the accompanying catalogue. There will be both programs related to the exhibition and seasonal programming.

The Museum's 2021–2022 schedule also includes the 43rd annual Christmas in the Park on Thursday, December 2—a display of Tiffany windows in downtown Winter Park—and open house events for Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas Eve, the Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival, Easter weekend, and Independence Day.

Admission to the Museum is free from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, November 5 through Friday, April 29. On select Friday evenings, the Museum features live music, tours, and more.

## **2021–2022 EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS**

The Stebbins Collection: A Gift for the Morse Museum

*Opens November 9, 2021*

*The Stebbins Collection: A Gift for the Morse Museum* introduces an exquisite collection of seventy works of art by fifty-three artists. The Stebbins Collection includes American masters from Albert Bierstadt (1830–1902) and Thomas Moran (1837–1926) to Fidelity Bridges (1834–1923) and Thomas Eakins (1844–1916). Assembled over a period of sixty years, the Stebbins Collection features artists of both great renown as well as some who are lesser known. Each work represents the artists at the height of their abilities. Still lifes, exemplified through the paintings of Martin Johnson Heade (1819–1904) and George Cochran Lambdin (1830–96), and landscapes, by George Inness (1825–94) and Worthington Whittredge (1820–1910), strengthen the Morse’s collection of American Art. Other works such as watercolors by Henry Roderick Newman (1843–1917) and Ellen Robbins (1828–1905) provide important period context. The Stebbins Collection adds to the Museum’s collection generally and compliments finely the Morse’s unparalleled collection of work by Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848–1933).

An accompanying catalogue *The Stebbins Collection: A Gift for the Morse Museum* will be published in October and available in the Morse Museum Shop. The publication written by Dr. Palm includes high-resolution, full-color images of the collection and an in-depth overview of the objects and artists it contains.

### **Ongoing**

Works by Louis Comfort Tiffany—including his chapel from the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition and surviving art and architectural elements from his Long Island country estate, Laurelton Hall—are always on view and now include Tiffany’s remarkable fireplace hood, installed in the fall of 2020.

## **2021–2022 EXHIBITION EVENTS**

Lecture and film series planned related to *The Stebbins Collection: A Gift for the Morse Museum*. Lecturers and film details to soon be announced.

## **2021–2022 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

The following are free public events scheduled for the upcoming year, organized by season. All events are at the Museum unless otherwise noted:

### **2021 HOLIDAYS AT THE MORSE**

**Thanksgiving Weekend Open House:** The Museum kicks off its holiday programming with an open house for the entire Thanksgiving weekend. Free admission November 26–28. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Live music on Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Holiday Friday Nights:** Free admission from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Live music from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on four holiday Friday nights, December 3, 10, 17, and 31.

**Christmas in the Park:** The Morse Museum and the City of Winter Park present the 43rd annual exhibition of century-old Tiffany windows and a free outdoor concert of holiday favorites by the Bach Festival Society Choir, Youth Choir, and Brass Ensemble. 6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, December 2, Central Park, downtown Winter Park.

**Christmas Eve Open House:** Free admission Friday, December 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Live music from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### **2022 SPRING AT THE MORSE**

**Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival Open House:** Free admission to the galleries March 18–20. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

**Spring Friday Nights:** Free admission from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Live music from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for six spring Friday nights, March 11 and 25, and April 1, 8, 22, and 29.

**Easter Weekend Open House:** Free admission April 15–17. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Live music on Good Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### **2022 SUMMER AT THE MORSE**

**Summer Family Tours and Films:** June–July. Free family programming for children in kindergarten through fifth grade and their parents or guardians. Details to be announced soon.

**Independence Day Open House:** Free admission from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 4. The Museum provides the open house in conjunction with the City of Winter Park’s 4th of July Celebration in Central Park. The tradition dates to July 4, 1995, when the Morse opened its Park Avenue galleries and the city held its first celebration of the holiday in the park.

The Morse Museum is open 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. From November through April, the galleries are open until 8 p.m. on Fridays. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$1 for students, free for children under 12, and from November through April, free for all visitors after 4 p.m. on Fridays. Visits can now be made in advance by visiting <https://admissions.morsemuseum.org/mainstore>. For more information about the Morse, please visit [morsemuseum.org](http://morsemuseum.org).

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